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REMARKS

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1. On 26 November 1952, the barracks installation north of Selauer Strasse, Weissenfels, was occupied by an estimated 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 200 of the troops were officers. At 11:30 a.m. on 26 November, 15 to 20 groups, each of about 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen at drill and about 80 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced falling in in the barracks yard. About 40 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets engaged in fatigue duty. At 2 p.m., three units of 60 to 80 soldiers each had fallen in in the barracks yard to receive meals. One officer and 25 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying practice targets left the installation toward Selau. Fifteen soldiers patrolled the barracks area. Twenty trucks were in the garages. The barracks installation was fully lighted after nightfall. Troops were cleaning weapons and reconditioning their equipment in the quarters. At 2 p.m., a woman was arrested by sentries in front of the installation.

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2. On 26 November, the barracks installation south of Selauer Strasse was occupied by an estimated 200 to 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, including about 80 to 120 officers. No training activity was observed. At about 3 p.m., 10 EM were cleaning 10 trucks. About 200 to 250 officers and EM, who were not recruits, and wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia left the installation toward the town.

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1. Comment. The 174th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is confirmed in the Infanterie Kaserne north of Selauer Strasse by the black-bordered crimson epaulets observed there. Red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia have been observed in this installation only since the fall 1952. This observation vaguely indicates that the 932d AAA Bn (US) of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is stationed in Weissenfels rather than Naumburg. On 4 October, a shipment of this battalion went from Ohrdruf to Weissenfels.

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2. Comment. The 17th Gds Tank SF Regt is vaguely confirmed in the Pioneer Kaserne south of Selauer Strasse by information contained in this report.

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